

My very Dear Josephine

I recd yours,

of 16<sup>th</sup> vand. was truly glad to see one more letter from you. hope I shall get another on Saturday night you must write once a week at least & as much after as you please. I wish I could see you ~~at your~~ Collett's keeping house, dear little fellow how glad I would be to see him. I was a little sick on yesterday I lay down & dropt to sleep I thought Duck slept in & laid him on my breast I felt his soft sweet face so plain It woke me up I look'd round around & felt like he surely was not far off but could not see him. O Josephine I cannot let you stay much longer. The weather is beautiful now. If it will only stay so. The roads will soon get good. Every thing looks like the middle of April. I have never seen the yard look so pretty & to day is warm enough for ~~me~~. I have peas mustard lettuce & onion & some cabbage up. but I fear the full moon in April. - Mrs A Williams was here the other day says tell you she wants to see more than any one she knows unless it is Mariah. Lou & Mirah. Corley was here they told me to give you a great deal of love all the Neighbours when they come say they miss you so much they dont like to come. - They worry me wanting to know when you are coming home. - I tell them some time this summer. Lydia & Virgil went from here on Monday all well our love to Eliska tell him the girls & return his compliments. Willis & Althea left here on Monday on their way to Hanover her health is a little better the little babe is a nice pretty little thing. Althea said she was hunting for you. all the time Aunt Talley's hand is but very little better cant use it at all. Cousin Mary Johnny Hill has some rheumatism but not as bad as she has in ~~the~~ ballance of the Connerions are well. Mrs Doherty & Mrs Cook were over the other day house is getting Milly was here on Sunday. said I must tell her niece she must kiss Camilla for her. her nephew sends his love says he wants to see you all but niece & Camilla more than all his. Camilla for him